



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 2177

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are not included herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not included herein.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.